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SUBJ: KNPC INTEREST IN US PETROLEUM STATISTICS AND CERP REQUIRE-
MENTS

REF: KUWAIT 2515

1. DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR KNPC ALI REDHWAN DURING CONVER-
SATION WITH EMBOFF ON OTHER MATTERS ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY COULD
PROVIDE HIM WITH LIST US PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING USG PUBLICATIONS,
ON ENERGY AND PETROLEUM WHICH KNPC COULD OBTAIN REGULARLY FOR ITS
LIBRARY, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE BEST IN KUWAIT. REDHWAN
SAID COMPANY PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN STATISTICAL INFO ESPECIALLY
REGARDING REFINING AND IMPORTS. KNPC INTERESTED IN BOTH OIL
AND GAS STATISTICS.

2. EMBOFF PROMISED OBTAIN WHATEVER INFO HE COULD AND
ASKED WHETHER AS QUID PRO QUO KNPC COULD PROVIDE STATISTICS WE
NEED FOR CERP REQUIREMENTS. AS IN PAST, REDHWAN REFUSED,
SAYING, FRANKLY HE DID NOT WANT TO TAKE ANY STEP WHICH COULD LEND
ITSELF TO CRITICISM BY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, I.E., ANTI-
AMERICAN, INDIVIDUALS. HE SEEMED WISH PROTECT EMBASSY AS MUCH
AS KNPC. ON OTHER HAND HE CLAIMED KNPC REGULARLY SENT STATISTICS
TO EXIMBANK IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND
HE SAID KUWAIT CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE HAS STATISTICS.

3. COMMENT: IN CONNECTION WITH OUR OWN PROBLEMS OBTAINING INFO
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TO SATISFY CERP REQUIREMENTS WE IN PROCESS DETERMINING WHETHER
GOK PUBLISHED STATISTICS CAN ADEQUATELY SERVE OUR NEEDS. MEANWHILE,

DEPT MAY WISH CHECK WITH EXIMBANK TO CONFIRM REDHWAN'S CLAIM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUESTED PROVIDE LIST OF AVAILABLE PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING THOSE PUBLISHED BY USG CONTAINING STATISTICS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON US HYDROCARBONS IMPORTS, EXPORTS, REFINING, ETC., TOGETHER WITH PRICES AND ADDRESSES FOR SUBSCRIPTION REQUESTS WHICH EMBOFF CAN PASS ON TO KEY OIL COMPANY CONTACT.
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